



Dear Friends,

Welcome to this first issue of the PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program (PRASAD CDHP) newsletter! It's been 10 years since our mobile dental clinic first began traveling to the communities of Sullivan County, N.Y., and I am proud to say that more than 50,000 children have received dental services. The number of sites we visit has quadrupled in that time, and we've added Ulster County to our service area. The ongoing support from our donors, community partners and legislators has played an important part in our decade of success



My six years with PRASAD CDHP has been the most rewarding experience of my career. I have seen firsthand, the positive impact our program has on the children and communities it serves.

I hope this newsletter will inform and inspire you, and I look forward to your comments.

In gratitude for your support,

Dr. M. Cecillia Escarra
Program Administrator

PRASAD CDHP Benefit Golf Tournament 2008: Great Golf ... Great Music ... Great Cause!

PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program and SYDA Foundation invite you to join us as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the mobile dental clinic with a day of great golf, great food, great music and great company ... all for a great cause!

This year's tournament will be held on September 13, 2008, at Tarry Brae Golf Course, 387 Pleasant Valley Road, South Fallsburg, N.Y. Activities begin at noon, with registration and lunch, followed by a shotgun tee-off at 1 p.m. Dinner will be at 6 p.m., followed by a special benefit performance by renowned jazz and pop vocalist Ann Hampton Callaway and jazz pianist extraordinaire Kenny Werner.

"We are delighted to have Ann and Kenny, both long-time PRASAD supporters, combine their considerable musical talents to help us celebrate the mobile dental clinic's 10th anniversary," says PRASAD



Kenny Werner and Ann Hampton Callaway

CDHP Board of Trustees Chair Ron Brent. "It's going to be a great day, from the first tee-off to the final notes."

Several prizes will be awarded, including a 2009 Ford Fusion, courtesy of M&M Auto Group of Liberty, N.Y., to the first hole-in-one of the day. Primary tournament sponsor once again is Stonewall Contracting Corporation.

The fee for golfers is \$90, and includes 18 holes of golf, lunch, dinner and a goody bag. Amounts above fair market value of the tickets (\$59) are considered tax-deductible contributions to PRASAD CDHP. Several sponsorship options also are available.

For more information and to register, please visit our tournament website at www.prasadcdhpgolf.org or call us at 845.434.0376.



Tarry Brae Golf Course

Loving Care Changes Tears to Smiles

Mary,* a Sullivan County elementary school student who must use a wheelchair due to a medical condition, was about to have her first PRASAD CDHP dental exam. As the lift raised her onto the van, she was overcome with fear and anxiety. It was clear to the mobile clinic staff that Mary was upset and did not want to be examined by the dentist. To make her feel more comfortable, the staff told her she could remain in her

wheelchair rather than move her to the dental chair.

The dentist and dental hygienist explained to Mary every tool that was going to be used to clean her teeth, which eased her worries, and talked her through each step of the exam, making sure she knew no pain would be involved. When the exam was completed Mary emerged from the van with a different outlook. Instead of tears there

were only smiles. She enjoyed her experience on the PRASAD CDHP van so much that she did not want to return to school, saying "I love you and want to stay." The staff assured her they would see her again when it was time for her next visit.

Ann Sardina, the dental hygienist who worked with Mary, said: "It's so gratifying for us to know we have helped another child change her perception of a trip to the dentist."

*Name changed to protect child's privacy.

Dance Party to Benefit PRASAD CDHP

The 2nd Annual Kookamonga Dance Party, benefiting PRASAD CDHP, will take place on Saturday, September 20, 2008, from 7 to 11 p.m. at Tai Chi Mountain House, 63 Grey Road, South Fallsburg, N.Y. A live DJ will provide the music, and there will be professional salsa and merengue lessons with local pro Norty Hyman for anyone who is interested. There also will be refreshments and door prizes. Tom Chi, PRASAD supporter and organizer of the event, says, "The salsa and merengue lessons set the tone for an over-the-top night of dancing ... Everyone's ready to do it again!"

Tickets will be available two weeks prior to the event at the Arati Store, 322 Brickman Road, South Fallsburg, and at the door for \$20 per person. For more information, contact Tom via email at tom@thehearts.com.

Help us give more children healthy, happy smiles!

Donate now by calling 845.434.0376 or online at www.prasadcdhp.org



About PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program Inc.

Since 1996, PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program, based in Hurleyville, N.Y., has provided dental care services and dental health education to children from low-income families in New York State. Our state-of-the-art mobile dental clinic and portable dental unit have served more than 50,000 children, providing more than 158,000 procedures in Sullivan and Ulster Counties. For more about PRASAD CDHP, go to www.prasadcdhp.org

PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program is an initiative of The PRASAD Project, an international not-for-profit organization committed to improving the quality of life of economically disadvantaged people around the world. For more about The PRASAD Project, go to www.prasad.org.

New Grant to Help Expand Services in Ulster County

PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program has been awarded a \$43,000 grant by The Dyson Foundation, a private, family-directed foundation located in Millbrook (Dutchess County), N.Y. The Dyson Foundation



awards funding to a variety of organizations and causes, with a particular commitment to improving and enhancing the quality of life for all residents of the Mid-Hudson Valley of New York State.

The Mid-Hudson Valley region includes Ulster County, an area the mobile dental clinic first began serving in 2007. The grant will allow PRASAD CDHP to add new sites, including the Head Start program in Ellenville and two schools in the Rondout Valley School District.

"We are most grateful to the Dyson Foundation for this generous grant," says PRASAD CDHP Program Administrator Dr. M. Cecilia Escarra. "We also want to thank U.S. Congressman Maurice Hinchey (22nd district) for his support of our application for funding."

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Have a great idea for a PRASAD CDHP fundraising project or event? If so, please call us at 845.434.0376.

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